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Interception of US Aircraft over Germany

1. The US 12th Air Force reports that MIG-15 aircraft attacked two USAF F-84 jet fighters at 1008Z, 10 March 1953. One F-84 was shot down, the other landed safely.

2. Circumstances of crash:

1. One F-84 was shot down, the pilot bailing out successfully.

The aircraft crashed at 49° 05'N, 12° 25'E, about 22

nautical miles from the Czech border near Cham, US zone

Germany.

2. The other F-84 landed at Fuerstenfeldbruck, a USAF airfield near Munich.

3. The US aircraft had been ordered aloft to intercept unidentified aircraft near the Czech border.

3. Pilot interrogation:

1. The US aircraft were attacked at 49° 15'N, 12° 25'E, about 16 nautical miles from the Czech border inside the US Zone.

2. The F-84 pilots sighted MIG-15's about 3,000 feet above them,

circled to investigate, and thereupon found MIG-15's on their tails.

3. One USAF pilot reports attack by five MIG-15's of the Czech Air Force, the other reports attack by two..

4. US Radar observations:

1. US radar observers in Germany observed this encounter. They report the F-84's were attacked at approximately 49° 22'N, 12° 32'E, eight to ten miles within the US Zone. The F-84's were flying northwest on a heading of 320° at the time of attack.
2. US radar observers report a flight into the restricted zone adjacent to the Czech border by a US aircraft at 0826Z, an hour and a half before the incident.

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